



## **Dian M. Grueneich, Commissioner**

### **California Public Utilities Commission**

Dian M. Grueneich was appointed to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in January 2005 and unanimously confirmed by the State Senate in May for a six year term.

Commissioner Grueneich is a nationally recognized expert in energy and environmental issues, with over 30 years experience. At the CPUC, she focuses on transmission planning and permitting, energy efficiency, climate change, renewable energy resources, and low income consumer issues.

Commissioner Grueneich is the lead Commissioner on transmission issues at the CPUC, overseeing the permitting of several significant transmission lines during her tenure, including the first three phases of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project to deliver 4,500 MW of renewable energy to California load centers. She has focused on raising state and region-wide awareness on the significance of transmission issues. In this capacity, she has been a leader in establishing both the California Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative and the parallel Western Renewable Energy Zone Initiative. She also serves on the U.S. Department of Energy's Electricity Advisory Committee and the Transmission Expansion Planning Policy Committee of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

Commissioner Grueneich has also been the lead Commissioner on energy efficiency at the CPUC, overseeing the 3-year, \$2.7 billion energy efficiency program of the California investor-owned utilities. She provided leadership for the development of the California Long-Term Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan and in August 2008, received the national Champion of Energy Efficiency Award by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy for outstanding career-long leadership in the energy efficiency field and innovation in utility regulation.

Addressing the utility needs of low-income consumers is a top priority for Commissioner Grueneich. She has served as the Commission-appointee to California's Low Income Oversight Board since 2005. She is the Assigned Commissioner on low-income energy cases and is an active supporter of the California Lifeline Telephone Program.

Commissioner Grueneich is committed to building partnerships nationally and internationally that advance best practices in clean energy and policies to achieve maximum energy savings. Towards this end, she serves on the U.S. Department of Energy Smart Grid Advisory Committee, the Leadership Council of the China-US Energy Efficiency Alliance, and the International CHP/DHC Collaborative sponsored by the International Energy Agency. Commissioner Grueneich received the first Visionary Award from the eeGlobalForum in May 2009 for her leadership role in developing the California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan.

Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Grueneich served as a Board member of the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy and is a past-President of the California League of Conservation Voters. She is a graduate of Stanford University and holds a J.D. from Georgetown University.